BILL: **F2016-SR5**

TITLE: **Sanctuary Campus Resolution**

SPONSOR: **Aliza Cohen, Senior Senator**
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DATE: **November 20, 2016**

Whereas, Donald Trump has promised that within his first 100 days in office, he will repeal all of President Obama's executive actions, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and federal funding for Sanctuary Cities and States;

Whereas, DACA serves to protect undocumented immigrant minors who arrived before the age of 16, and has provided measures of relief from deportation to over 700,000 students in the United States;

Whereas, the Middlebury mission statement asserts that Middlebury students engage in "the pursuit of knowledge unconstrained by national or disciplinary boundaries;"

Whereas, President Patton is committed to an everyday ethic of inclusivity;

Whereas, in Vermont around 5,000 members of the undocumented immigrant community are threatened by Trump's policy plans, and as a part of the Vermont community, Middlebury College has a duty to voice support for these individuals;

Whereas, Middlebury has the power to protect undocumented community members and students from law enforcement since US Customs Enforcement officers are not able to enter college campuses without authorization (policy number 10029.2);

Whereas, as a Sanctuary Campus, Middlebury will be able to foster an environment where our undocumented peers and future undocumented students are able to remain on campus and focus on their education instead of their fears of being forced to abandon their education and separate from their families;

Whereas, students, staff, and faculty from over 175 colleges and universities, including peer institutions, have also urged their institutions to investigate how to make their campuses a Sanctuary Campus that will protect current and future students from intimidation, unfair investigation, and deportation;

Whereas, over 1,500 students, alumni, faculty, and staff members and counting have signed a petition asking for the following policies to be enacted;

Therefore, be it resolved…

That, the SGA acknowledges the real threats that DACA-mented and undocumented students face in their education and affirmatively stands with immigrants who study, live, and work at Middlebury.

That, the SGA officially recommends that the Middlebury College administration take immediate action to become a Sanctuary Campus before January 20th, 2017, the day of President-Elect Donald Trump's inauguration by adopting a public, written policy which communicates that the College

(a) ensures that student privacy and confidentiality remains guaranteed.
(b) takes immediate action so that DACA-mented and undocumented students can be assured of institutional support (including access to moral, personal, and political resources) towards continuing their academic endeavors and their path to educational success.
(c) refuses all voluntary information sharing with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)/Customs and Border Protection (CBP) across all aspects of the college to the fullest extent possible under the law.
(d) refuses ICE physical access to all land owned or controlled by the college.
(e) prohibits campus security from inquiring about or recording as to an individual's immigration status or enforcing immigration laws or participating with ICE/CBP in actions and prohibits sharing this information with law enforcement officials.
(f) commits to ongoing dialogue with the students about additions to the college policy and support for community efforts that protect immigrants who study, live, and work at the college and their families and the community.
(g) ensures that the applications of undocumented and DACA-mented students will not be penalized for their citizenship status within the Middlebury Admissions process

That, if the College becomes a Sanctuary Campus, these terms shall be enforced by all college staff and all contractors and subcontractors and their employees working on property owned or controlled by the College.

Respectfully submitted,
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Vote Count

In favor:	President Toy, Co-chair Pesqueira, Speaker Lantigua, Senator Cohen, Senator Pustejovsky, Senator Boyle, Senator Waddell, Senator Duran, Senator Schoel (proxy), Senator Aaron, Senator Goldfield, Senator Hayes (proxy), Senator Ou, Senator Wright, Senator McCarthy (proxy)
Opposed:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	Senator McCormick, Senator Andrews

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